

## **PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**

**MAY 11, 2010**

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in a special meeting with the following members present: Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, Vice Chairman Warren J. Yeager, Jr., and Commissioners Billy E. Traylor, Bill Williams, and Nathan Peters, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, G.I.S. Director Scott Warner, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, and Sheriff Joe Nugent.

Chairman McLemore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., E.T.

#### **DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL**

Commissioner Williams reported that he attended the Cabinet Briefings in Tallahassee concerning the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and gave a power point presentation. He discussed the Area Contingency Plan previously adopted by the County through the Coast Guard and State of Florida. Commissioner Williams discussed that the Area Contingency Plan is paid directly by British Petroleum (B.P.), stating that D.E.P. must approve the contractor, and we should know by the end of this week if our plan is approved. He reported that the Coast Guard is in control, and Gulf County is under the Mobile Sector.

#### **2010 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Commissioner Williams gave an update on the 2010 Legislative session, reporting that HB 2420 is a proposed bill amendment creating a new section to article 7, stating that this will be a big issue for the Gulf County Health Department. Clarissa Herndon of the Gulf County Health Department appeared before the board and reported that this will cause severe cuts for the Health Department, stating that any new service will have to go through the Legislature for approval. Commissioner Williams recommended that everyone go to the Florida Association of Counties website and review these bills.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, the meeting did then adjourn at 5:58 p.m., E.T.

**CARMEN L. MCLEMORE**  
**CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**  
**REBECCA L. NORRIS**  
**CLERK**